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SUBJECT: BHUTTO VISPK TO SWEDEN FEBRUARY 20-23

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1. SUMMARY. TO JUDGE FROM PRESS ACCOUNTS, PAKISTAN PRIME MINISTER ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO VISITED SWEDEN FEBRUARY 20-23 WITH FEW ALLUSIONS ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR ANY SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN SWEDISH AID TO OR TRADE WITH PAKISTAN. SWEDISH PRESS WAS MOSTLY HOSTILE, CARPING AT SIZE OF HIS ENTOURAGE AND LACK OF DEMOCRACY IN PAKISTAN. PRESS CARRIED BHUTTO'S PERSUASIVE DENIALS THAT SAAB-SCANIA TRAINER AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN USED AGAINST BALUCHISTAN DISSIDENTS BUT TREATED SKEPTICALLY HIS EFFORTS TO PALLY DOWN TROUBLES IN BALUCHISTAN (SEPTTEL). BHUTTO MET WITH PRIME MINISTER PALME, FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSSON, MFA SECRETARY GENERAL ASTROM AND OTHERS. END SUMMARY
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2. SWEDISH LACK OF ENTHUSIASM FOR PAKISTAN. LEADING STOCKHOLM

DAILY (DAGENS NYHETER) DESCRIBED ALI BHUTTO AS "NOT BELONGING TO THE GROUP OF THIRD WORLD LEADERS WITH WHOM OLOF PALME MOST WISHES TO IDENTIFY" AND PAKISTAN AS "A COUNTRY THAT CAN NEITHER AROUSE GREAT IDEOLOGICAL ENTHUSIASM NOR OFFER US ENERGY AND INVESTMENT POSSIBILITIES." (SWEDISH ENTHUSIASMS, FOR COMPARISON: CUBA, NORTH VIETNAM, LIBY, ALGERIA). PRESS TRACED COOLNESS BACK TO PERIOD OF REPRESSION IN BANGLADESH.

3. SNIPING AT EXTRAVAGANCE. STOCKHOLM DAILIES, INCLUDING THOSE THAT REFRAIN FROM CRITICIZING COST OF SOVIET-CUBAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE TO ANGOLA, CARPED AT PAKISTANI EXTRAVAGANCE AS EXEMPLIFIED BY FACT THAT BHUTTO'S ENTOURAGE NUMBERED 102 AND THAT PAKISTANIS INSISTED NONE COULD RIDE IN BUSES BUT ALL REQUIRED LIMOUSINES. PRESS CLAIMED COST OF TRIP WOULD EQUAL TEN PERCENT OF ANNUAL SWEDISH AID TO PAKISTAN. BHUTTO TOLD PRESS HIS DELEGATION INCLUDED LARGE NUMBER OF PARLIAMENTARIANS "WHO NEED TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH WORLD OUTSIDE PAKISTAN."

4. IDEOLOGICAL CREDENTIALS. AS THOUGH REGRETTING SWEDISH FAILURE TO ACCEPT EVEN MODEST PAKISTANI CLAIM TO SOCIALIST CREDENTIALS, BHUTTO TOLD PRESS THAT PAKISTAN'S RADICAL LAND REFORM AND NATIONALIZED BANKING AND SHIPPING HAD BROUGHT PAKISTAN FURTHER ALONG THE NATIONALIZATION PROVBSS THAN SWEDEN.

5. PALME INVITED TO PAKISTAN. BHUTTO ANNOUNCED THAT PRIME MINISTER OLOF PALME HAS ACCEPTED HIS INVITATION TO VISIT PAKISTAN BUT THAT NO DATE HAS BEEN SET. SWEDISH PRESS CONTAINED NO REPORTS OF BHUTTO'S VISIT TO BONN OR OF POSSIBLE PAKISTANI PURCHASES OF NUCLEAR EQUIPMENT. BHUTTO'S ONWARD DESTINATIONS ARE GIVEN AS CANADA AND NEW YORK. STRAUSZ-HUPE'

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